

It's never too early to start planning for college.



The Twenty-first Century Scholars program can help.

If you're an Indiana seventh- or eighth-grader who qualifies for the program, you can get up to four years of free college tuition to attend a participating Indiana public or private college, university or proprietary institution.

All you have to do is:

1. Apply for the program by June 30, 2003, using this application form.
2. Meet the guidelines for Indiana student financial aid.
3. Fulfill the Scholar pledge to the state of Indiana.

Am I eligible?

You qualify if you:

- Are a resident of Indiana as an applicant and as an award recipient (determined by the residency of your parent or legal guardian).
- Are the child of a U.S. citizen or legal alien. For more information about citizenship qualifications, call 1.800.992.2076.
- Are enrolled in the seventh or eighth grade at a charter school, freeway school or other Indiana school accredited or seeking accreditation by the Indiana Department of Education through Performance-Based Accreditation (PBA).
- Make a commitment to fulfill the Twenty-first Century Scholars pledge, listed on the back and in the application form.
- Meet income eligibility requirements. To apply for the program, your family income must not exceed the income maximums for the program.

2002 – 2003 Income Maximums

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$22,089
3	\$27,787
4	\$33,485
5	\$39,183
6	\$44,881

IMPORTANT

We may need to verify the financial information that we use to determine if you're eligible for the program. Your family may need to show us certain financial documents, including federal income tax forms and W-2 forms.

If your family can't supply the requested information by the stated deadline, we will terminate your enrollment in the Twenty-first Century Scholars program.

For each additional person in your household, add \$5,698. If your family income does not exceed these income maximums, complete each section of the application form and return the completed form no later than **June 30, 2003**.

What is the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program?

The Twenty-first Century Scholars program was established in 1990 to:

- Increase the number of students entering college and other institutions of higher education.
- Decrease drug and alcohol use by encouraging higher educational pursuits.
- Reduce the number of students who withdraw from high school before graduation.
- Increase the number of students who are prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation.
- Increase individual economic productivity.
- Improve the overall quality of life for Indiana residents.

What do I get from this program?

First, you can get free tuition if you're a Twenty-first Century Scholar. The program also provides support so that you, your parents and your school can work together to help you be successful as you continue your education.

As a Scholar family, you'll receive:

- Tutoring, mentoring, parent activities and college visits through a regional support program. There are 16 located throughout the state.
- Career and educational information through publications, a regional newsletter and the Scholars Web site, www.scholars.indiana.edu.
- Mentoring programs at participating Indiana colleges and universities.
- Access to a toll-free hotline at 1.800.992.2076, where you can get answers to questions about the program, higher education, careers, colleges and financial aid.

What happens next?

You should find out if you've been accepted into the program within eight weeks of mailing your application. If you don't hear from us within eight weeks, call our toll-free hotline at 1.800.992.2076. Be sure to have your copy of your application handy when you call.

Twenty-first Century Scholars Pledge

"I agree to graduate with an Indiana High School Diploma from a charter school, freeway school or other Indiana school accredited (or seeking accreditation) through Performance Based Accreditation (PBA) by the Indiana Department of Education.

I will achieve a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol, or commit any crime.

I will apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college, university or technical school as a high school senior.

I will apply on time for state and federal financial aid."

Twenty-first Century
SCHOLARS



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www.scholars.indiana.edu



2002 – 2003 Application

You and your parent or legal guardian should complete this application. Please print in blue or black ink. **Mail top copy and retain this folder for your records.** For help in filling out the application form, call our toll-free hotline at 1.800.992.2076.

Section 1: Student Information (please print)

Student's Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Social Security Number: * _____

*Student's Social Security number must be included; if student does not have a Social Security number, check here. ____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

Grade for 2002 – 2003 school year: ____ 7th ____ 8th ____ Other _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
(month) (day) (year)

Gender: ____M ____F

School attending in 2002 – 2003: _____ City: _____
(Do not use abbreviations or PS school number) (Do not use abbreviations)

High school student will attend: _____ City: _____
(Do not use abbreviations or PS school number) (Do not use abbreviations)

Section 2: Race/Ethnicity (optional)

Please indicate the student's ethnic and racial identity. **You are NOT required to answer these questions.**

A. Student's racial identity: (Check all that apply)

B. Student's ethnic identity:

____ American Indian or Alaska Native

____ Asian

____ Hispanic/Latino

____ Black or African-American

____ White

____ Not Hispanic/Latino

____ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Section 3: Twenty-first Century Scholars Pledge

For your application to be considered, you must agree to the following pledge and sign below.

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- I will apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college, university or technical school as a high school senior.
- I will apply on time for state and federal student financial aid.

I understand that I must be an Indiana resident (as determined by the permanent residence of my parent or legal guardian,) a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, enroll as a full-time student at an eligible Indiana college or university or proprietary school, and meet all other financial aid requirements at the institution I attend.

Your signature is required for this application to be processed.

Student signature: _____ Date of Signature: ____/____/____
(month) (day) (year)

Application continues on next page.



2002 – 2003 Application Part 2

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Check here if student is a foster child (ward of court) County: _____ Case number: _____
Signature of legal foster parent: _____ Date ____/____/____ Go to **SECTION 5**
(month) (day) (year)

Section 4: Parent/Legal Guardian Income Information

Use your 2002 income tax records or estimate your 2002 income if you have not yet filed.

Number of People in the Household: _____	Total YEARLY GROSS INCOME (of each household member)	Income Type: (See list of income types in next column)	Include all household income from work, welfare, child support, alimony, Social Security, disability, benefits or any other income. Call 1.800.992.2076 for income questions. Do not indicate monthly payments. You must calculate your TOTAL YEARLY GROSS INCOME.	Office use only TI: IG: = __Y __N
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Total:				

Section 5: Parent/Legal Guardian Verification and Permission to Release

By signing this application, I certify that all of the above information is true and correct, including listing all income. I understand that this application is to apply for the receipt of state funds. I authorize the Twenty-first Century Scholars program to verify any information on this application, including verification from school officials and from the Internal Revenue Service. Upon request, I agree to provide all of my income information including tax forms, W-2 forms and any other supporting documentation. I understand that deliberate misrepresentation will terminate my student's enrollment in this program and subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

I authorize the release of my child's information to providers of education, to the school my child attends and to Twenty-first Century Scholars personnel so that information and assistance can be provided to my child. I understand any released information will not be shared for commercial purposes.

I certify that my child is a full-time student at a charter school, freeway school or other Indiana PBA-accredited school.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date of signature: ____/____/____
(month) (day) (year)
Printed name of parent or legal guardian: _____
(first) (middle) (last)
Social Security number of parent or legal guardian: * _____ - _____ - _____
Home Address: _____
(city) (state) (zip code) Home Phone Number: () _____

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When Application is Complete
Mail to: Twenty-first Century Scholars, EDC
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